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in the same schools, but that would be subject to this condition; that if it is to be a case of having mixed schools, I would invariably insist upon teachers being mistresses rather than masters. I would much rather wish young boys being educated in schools managed by mistresses, rather than young girls being taught by young men-teachers, half-educated, with not much culture, their only qualification being the training course.

" There is one other proposal of the Government, viz., that girls, if there be a sufficient number of them, will be put in a separate section in the same central school under probably a male teacher. What is to become then of the innumerable number of schools which are being maintained by Catholic sisters whether European or Indian? Do the Government reasonably expect that these sisters will reconcile themselves to being mistresses in a school which is probably superintended and managed by a layman-headmaster? Would it be fair on your part to pull out these Catholic sisters who from high motives of service to God and humanity have chosen a cloistered life? Do you expect them to work in these central schools under the management and in the company of men-teachers? If that be not your idea, is it your aim then, to drive out these sisters from the educational field altogether? It seems to me that there is no middle course between these two positions. Either these sisters will be compelled to do what I know they will not do—that is, to work in mixed schools— or they will be sent out of the educational field altogether. These are some of the objections, Sir, which I have on the question of co-education."

The Hon. DEPUTY PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member will continue his speech to-morrow.

" The House will now adjourn and meet again to-morrow at 11 a.m."

III.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

[a] *Communication with reference to the Legislative Council Question No.* 504 *answered on* 29*th January* 1934.

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Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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